

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Islands Agriculture Show - Friday February 1, 2019

	8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens	8:30 AM Trade show Opens
Session Location	MNP CONFERENCE ROOM	BMO CONFERENCE ROOM
SESSION 1 9:30 am - 10:30 am	<p><u>Soil Compaction: Will it go away if I ignore it?</u> Geoff Hughes-Games, Professional Agrologist-Soils</p> <p><i>So your carrots are bent, your field doesn't drain and you are frustrated. Soil compaction may be one of the underlying issues. We will look at the consequences of soil compaction and review some practices used to reduce impacts of compaction, if not prevent it in the first place. There will also be an opportunity for a soil science 101 Q & A, so bring your questions.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
SESSION 2 9:30 am - 10:30 am	<p><u>Got Land? Want Land?</u> Azja Jones Martin, Young Agrarians</p> <p><i>Join Young Agrarians Land Matcher Azja Jones Martin for a session exploring the nuts and bolts of leasing land. Find out what goes into creating a solid land arrangement: key factors in assessing land, best practices for leasing, and regulations to be aware of.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
SESSION 3 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p><u>Wire Worm Control Using Novel Techniques</u> Todd Kabaluk, Agassiz Research and Development Centre</p> <p><i>Todd is a Research Biologist for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Agassiz, BC. His research involves developing microorganisms and other biologically-based materials for their use as pest control products. He is currently working on a comprehensive approach to wireworm control.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break</p>	
SESSION 4 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p><u>New Entrants and Regulated Marketing in BC</u> Tamara Leigh, BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB)</p> <p><i>Tamara Leigh will provide an informative presentation about regulated agricultural markets in BC and ways to explore becoming a new entrant. Tamara has specialized in agricultural issues and communications for the past 13 years, and she is currently a board member of BCFIRB, the provincial supervisor of all agricultural commodity boards and commissions in BC.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break</p>	
SESSION 5 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	<p><u>Movers and Shakers: How Young Farmers Persist in an Ever Challenging Environment.</u> Keynote Speaker: Léona Watson, Fly Higher Inc.</p> <p><i>How will young farmers persist in an ever challenging environment? Léona believes that the movers and shakers will break down these barriers and continue to create new paths giving them a world of opportunity. It takes an open mind, hard work and a little perspective on the world. Enjoy a presentation of how young farmers around the world are forging our tomorrow.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
		
SESSION 6 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><u>Optimizing Nitrogen & Phosphorus Requirements for Organic Vegetable Farms</u> Amy Norgaard A. Ag., UBC Masters Student</p> <p><i>Amy has a BSc in Agroecology and is now working on her MSc in Soil Science in the Sustainable Agricultural Landscapes Lab at UBC. Her research is focused on improving organic vegetable farm sustainability through enhanced nutrient management planning.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
SESSION 7 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<p><u>Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC Projects: From Idea to Execution</u> Coreen Rodger Berrisford, Director Client Relations IAF</p> <p><i>Learn more about the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF) and our current funding opportunities. Discover how a project evolves directly from a variety of success IAF clients. Learn how they developed their project; the process of working with a Project Manager; and the details on how they successfully executed their projects.</i></p>	
4:00 PM	Welcome Reception	

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - Islands Agriculture Show - Saturday February 2, 2019

Session Location	MNP CONFERENCE ROOM	BMO CONFERENCE ROOM
<p>SESSION 8 9:30 am - 11:00 am</p>	<p><u>Island Good is Great! Growing demand for Island products</u> George Hanson, President of the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance</p> <p><i>This session will tell the story of how the Island Good program came about, review of the results of the pilot project, and explain how Island food and beverage processors can use the Island Good brand to grow their sales. Plus Foreign Trade Zone status for Vancouver Island. Find out how this might help improve your competitive advantage.</i></p> <p><u>Prosperity through diversity: What do CUSMA and CPTPP mean to agriculture and agrifood?</u> Anna North, Manager, Intergovernmental Relations and Trade</p> <p><i>This talk will provide information on the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and provide a road map of services, programs and contacts to help you leverage these trade opportunities for Farm and agri-food businesses.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 9 9:30 am - 11:00 am</p>	<p><u>Where Does the Money Come from to Capitalize your Business?</u> Johan Gouws - Canadian Meat Republic and 20 years in the finance industry</p> <p><i>Johan will share his vast knowledge of structuring and financing your business followed by a panel of small scale food processors that will share their experiences. The session will include presentations that outline loan and government programs.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 10 11:30 am -12:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Projections and Adaptations: Future Climate and Agriculture on Vancouver Island</u> Trevor Murdock, Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium Foster Richardson, BC Agriculture & Food Climate Action Initiative</p> <p><i>Trevor will share information about anticipated temperature and precipitation changes and specific considerations for agriculture on Vancouver Island. Foster Richardson will introduce the Climate Action Initiative's work to develop tools and resources that assist the BC agriculture sector with climate change adaptation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 11 11:30 am - 12:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Support for Small Scale Food Processors</u> Panel: Zackary De Vries, Food Processing Analyst, Candice Appleby & Carmen Wakeling</p> <p><i>Overview of Grow BC, Feed BC and Buy BC programming/supports for Food and Beverage processing companies.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 12 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Waste Control, Groundwater Licensing: New BC Regulations</u> Margaret Crowley, Senior Environmental Management Officer David Robinson, Senior Authorizations Specialist - Water</p> <p><i>Are you an agricultural producer? Or a user of groundwater for farm production? Come to this session to learn about the proposed changes to the Agricultural Waste Control Regulation and the Groundwater licencing requirement under the Water Sustainability Act.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 13 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><u>A Case for Change-An Industry Perspective Safe Food for Canadians Act & Regulations</u> Nancy Ross, Processing Support & Sheri Nielson, Producer Support</p> <p>Food Metrics Community Food Analysis Lab – Spencer Serin / Claver Bundac <i>If you are a processor or a primary producer, find out how the new ACT and Regulations affect your business.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network Break</p>	
<p>SESSION 14 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Industrial Hemp: Emerging New Technologies & Implications for the Island</u> Jack Anderson, MCIP, RPP, Greenplan</p> <p><i>Jack Anderson is the owner of Greenplan, an Island based design company that focuses on sustainability and green technologies. Just BioFiber building blocks provide unique potential for the construction industry. The blocks are very strong, non-toxic, fireproof, breathable, with high insulative values and carbon negative. Learn about completed projects on the South Island.</i></p>	
<p>3:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conference and Trade Show Ends</p>	